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Bill Summary

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Overview

The commissioner of education was directed by the 2013 Legislature to convene a working group on school facilities. The working group developed recommendations for reforming the financing of school facilities and reported those results to the legislature. The report of the working group is available on the MDE Website at:

http://education.state.mn.us/mdeprod/idcplg?IdcService=GET_FILE&dDocName=054070&RevisionSelectionMethod=latestReleased&Rendition=primary

This bill provides an unspecified amount of funding in fiscal year 2015 for school districts that do not qualify for alternative facilities revenue, instructs the governor to include a plan to implement the working group recommendations in the 2016/17 biennial budget, and provides a budget base for the plan of \$25 million per year.

Section

- 1 School facilities improvement revenue.** Requires the governor to include in the next biennial budget a proposal to implement the recommendations of the school facilities working group. Builds an annual aid appropriation of \$25 million into the budget base for this proposal.
- 2 Appropriations.** Appropriates an unspecified amount in fiscal year 2015 for facilities aid to school districts that do not qualify for alternative facilities revenue.